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Manitoba's anti-bullying bill proclaimed law

Struggle over. MTS president calls debate over Bill 18 exhausting

After months of debate inside and outside the Legislature, the NDP government's controversial Safe and Inclusive Schools Act is now law.

In an emotional speech in front of Kelvin High School students Thursday, education minister Nancy Allan said she's relieved to see Bill 18 finally proclaimed.

"What a journey this legislation has been … we are taking the next step forward to protect every student," she said. "We are giving students, parents, educators, and administrators more of the tools that they need to deal with cyberbullying and bullying."

Quoted

"Now, thanks to Bill 18, no (gay-straight alliance) will ever have to stay underground and no student will ever feel threatened when supporting basic human rights."

John Manning, member of Kelvin High School's gay-straight alliance group

Under the bill, schools in Manitoba are required to report and act on cyberbullying incidents even if they take place outside of school; expand appropriate use of Internet polices to include social media, text messaging and instant messaging; create a safe and inclusive environment for all students, and accommodate students who establish anti-bullying groups, such as gay-straight alliances.

It was the accommodation of gay-straight alliances that brought criticism from several independent religious schools, and some parents, who said it would violate their freedom of religion.

But Manitoba Teacher's Society president Paul Olson said now that the bill is law it's time to forget politics and concentrate on keeping kids safe.

"The Bill 18 discussions were heated, were long, and they were heartbreaking and inspiring — sometimes in the same minute," he said. "There are going to be bumps on any road while implementing new legislation, but the teachers of Manitoba are more than equal to the task."

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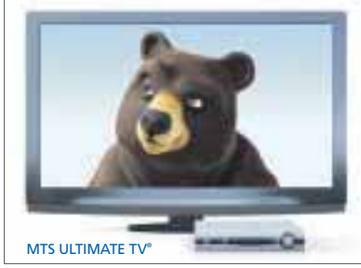
Manitoba Education Minister Nancy Allan speaks to media at Kelvin High School after announcing the proclamation of her government's controversial anti-bullying bill at the school Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO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Fire Paramedic Service.
Overtime cost relief pushed off to overtime

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service got extra cash from the city's finance committee for equipment, but not for skyrocketing overtime costs — at least not yet.

Councillors on the finance committee, Russ Wyatt and Paula Havixbeck, chose instead to ask Acting Fire Chief Bill Clark to detail his cost-savings plan during a council seminar.

Once that takes place, the committee will hold a special meeting to look at the over-expenditure request or place it on the agenda of the committee's next meeting.

Earlier this week, the firefighters union stated they'd come to an agreement with Clark to have firefighters work for regular pay if they work during their vacation time and, in return, the city would hire more firefighters.

Clark said he's looking to fill eight vacancies and four retirements by the end of the year.

However, Clark said there are many cost-saving measures still on the table, including one calling for a staff reduction at two stations that see the fewest calls — which raised the ire of union president Alex Forrest.

"That's all part of the discussion that remains ongoing," said Clark, adding he doesn't think the delay in approving the extra funds will result in any layoffs.

"I'm committed to public safety.... I'm also committed to our responders' safety but I still have a budget to manage."

The Fire Paramedic Service is asking for an additional $2.8 million to deal with the department's cost overrun.

The total figure — due to overtime, workers' compensation cases, pensions, statutory pay and sick-leave severance — is $7.9 million, but the department plans to use just over $5 million of "expense savings" to offset the over-expenditure.

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Bogus boil-water scare prompts call for better testing, warning

The councillor for St. Vital said he'll be pushing for improved testing in the wake of the boil-water advisory issued for a section of his ward.

Coun. Brian Mayes told Metro on Thursday that he plans to introduce a motion either at the next executive policy committee or infrastructure renewal and public works committee meeting, asking the public service for ways to make the sample-taking better.

"We need to take a look at how we're doing the testing just to make sure we don't get more of these false positives," said Mayes.

"What I would like to avoid is ... where you get what looks like a serious problem and then a day later you say, well, no, we just took the measurement off the tap, or somebody's hands were dirty."

The boil-water advisory was issued for south St. Vital at about 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, after samples taken on Monday came back positive for E-coli that afternoon.

Early Wednesday evening, the advisory was lifted after more samples came back negative.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said she questions the five-hour gap between when the test results came in, at about 4:30 p.m. and when the advisory was issued.

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Coun. Paula Havixbeck talks to media on Thursday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Full-time salaries drive budgets: Coun.

So don't fly blind.
Transit praised for laying out clear figures, future advancements

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A councillor says knowing how many full-time positions the City of Winnipeg has is essential for delivering good budgets for taxpayers.

"The largest driver of cost is your employee base, so when I get a budget and the CFO tells me it's premised on hiring 321 more people, I want to know: Are we over that? Are we under that?" said Coun. Paula Havixbeck after Thursday's finance committee meeting.

Havixbeck asked each department official how many full-time equivalents they have and what percentage of their operating budget is salaries.

"Some are as high as 83 per cent ... some are as low as 30 per cent, so maybe other areas are the areas to look for for savings," she said.

Havixbeck applauded Winnipeg Transit director Dave Wardrop for providing clear numbers. Wardrop also said Transit ridership has been growing at about three per cent per year since about 2006 — double Winnipeg's rate of population growth.

In November, Transit will begin rolling out the first four of 20 refurbished articulated "bendy" buses it acquired at a cost of about $1 million, added Wardrop. The regular price for each unit is $650,000.

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Dave Wardrop of Winnipeg Transit says the city will see bendy buses on the road shortly. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Toronto Street

West End fire ruled an arson

A fire at a West End apartment block early Thursday is a case of arson, say police. Fire fighters had the blaze in the 400 block of Toronto Street under control when police arrived on the scene shortly after 12:30 a.m. METRO

Home raided

Man charged over $11K of Oxycontin, banned weaponry

A man is facing charges after police found more than $11,000 worth of Oxycontin during a raid on a Garden City-area home Wednesday.

As well as the pills, police found 10 grams of pot, bear spray, a butterfly knife and just over $1,700 in cash at the home in the 500 block of Jefferson Avenue.

A 46-year-old Winnipeg man is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, two counts of unauthorized possession of a weapon and possession of the proceeds of crime.

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Hefty haul

Two charged in weed grow-op

Two people are facing charges after police busted a pot grow-op in Elmwood Wednesday. Cops seized 15 pot plants worth nearly $17,000, 200 grams of dried pot, just over $2,000 in cash and $3,000 worth of equipment. METRO

Manitoba, PLZ: FOI reveals vanity PL8S that didn't make it on the road

INDCNT? Manitoba Public Insurance employees run checks using Google and Urban Dictionary to make sure they're not missing anything

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Manitoba Public Insurance gets thousands of applications for vanity licence plates every year, and thanks to a recent freedom of information request (FOI), we can see which of those applications the public insurer deemed not street legal.

The request for information—sent by Canadian Taxpayer Federation prairie director Colin Craig last month—returned a list of nearly 200 rejected plate slogans ranging from the obvious like 'BTCHPLZ' to the just plain bizarre like '2COLD2P'.

"I've got quite an efficient system for filing (FOI) requests so when I saw a news story from Saskatchewan about (plates) refused in that province I was curious as to what was happening in Manitoba," explained Craig, who posted the list to his blog this week. "It was curiosity more than anything."

Manitoba Public Insurance receives between 30 to 40 new personalized plate requests every week, according to spokesperson Brian Smiley, who said of those, about three or four end up getting the thumbs down.

"The most commonly rejected slogans deal with references to alcohol or sexually suggestive phrases," he said in an email Thursday, noting employees run checks using Google and Urban Dictionary to make sure they're not missing a hidden meaning in the digits. "We always keep in mind what the public perception of a phrase might be — we don't want to offend other drivers."

To see the full list of personalized plates rejected between March 2011 and this September check out metronews.ca.

What's wrong with ZERG?

Here is a sampling of the rejected licence plate requests:

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- SONOS8N
- ZERG

A recent freedom of information request reveals what goes too far for vanity licence plates in Manitoba. This one, by the way, is fine. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

New friend for Hudson

The Assiniboine Park Zoo welcomed a new polar bear from Churchill, where he will eventually be on display, along with current resident bear Hudson. The new bear has yet to be named and will remain in quarantine for at least 30 days before being shown to the public. CONTRIBUTED

Mayor applauds thaw in firefighters spat

A "good first step" is how Mayor Sam Katz described what looks to be a thaw in the fiery firefighters dispute over how to rein in staff overtime.

Katz made the comments in response to reports on Wednesday that acting fire chief Bill Clark and Alex Forrest, president of the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg (UFFW) Local 867, had come to an agreement on how to handle skyrocketing overtime.

The agreement involves firefighters working for regular pay if they work during their vacation time and the city hiring more firefighters.

Katz said city officials still have to look at any deal the two men come up with.

"That's not a silver bullet, but like I say, anytime you come up with something that is a change that's being accepted by both sides, and will have a positive impact … that's a very good meeting, but I think there still can be more to this equation," he added.

Forrest and Clark met in September after a memo, penned by Clark and detailing cost savings measures in light of a projected 86 per cent spike in overtime hours for 2013, was sent to staff. The memo prompted the union to respond with an open letter that was sent to city officials and the media.

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Projected spike in overtime hours for 2013.

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'Murder Mansion.' Crown drops manslaughter charge against Maier

Winnipeg's "Murder Mansion" might have to change its name. That's after the man charged in connection to the latest death at the notorious downtown rooming house had his manslaughter charges dropped this week.

Police had charged Robert Steward Maier, 38, after Ronald Harold McKinnon, 54, was found dead in the three-storey building at 624 Balmoral St. back in February.

On Wednesday the Crown dropped the manslaughter charge after toxicology test results showed McKinnon died from an accidental overdose of booze and pills.

Winnipeg's "Murder Mansion." SHANE GIBSON/METRO FILE

Maier, who had a physical fight with McKinnon during a drinking party before his death, instead pleaded guilty to assault and was sentenced to time served. METRO/WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

What's your Winnipeg selfie?

Carina snapped this picture of herself along with friends and family at a Tim Hortons on Henderson Highway. What's your #winnipegselfie? Snap a pic of yourself in front of something that means Winnipeg to you, upload it to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #winnipegselfie, and watch for it in the paper! CONTRIBUTED

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau spoke to University of Manitoba students earlier this week. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Large pot farms not the answer: Trudeau

Medical marijuana. Liberal leader criticizes federal move toward commercial operations

Federal Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says the Conservative government's decision to launch a free market for medical marijuana is a move in the wrong direction.

Trudeau spoke Wednesday to hundreds of students at the University of Manitoba about a variety of issues, including economic growth and poverty.

When pressed for his views on the subject, Trudeau said he's not in favour of replacing small, home-grown operations with larger commercial farms.

Trudeau's comments came in response to a question from medical marijuana activist Steven Stairs, who held up a sign reading, "Let our people grow."

Stairs, who uses pot for glaucoma, has accused the federal government of forcing sick people to jump through more hoops than necessary.

Trudeau, who also favours legalizing recreational marijuana, said the government's move does not respect people's freedom or contribute to the kind of care they need.

"Our worries are that the current hyper-controlled approach around medical marijuana that actually removes from individuals the capacity to grow their own, is not going in the right direction," he said.

Under the old system, 4,200 growers were licensed to produce for a maximum of two patients each, but the Mounties complained those grow-ops were often a front for criminal organizations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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High Five! Hudson the polar bear turns two on Friday, and while the zoo is celebrating with a party, what do you get a polar bear for his birthday? Here are five suggestions:

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5 gifts for Hudson's birthday

1 Nip Platter

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Who wouldn't want a delicious calorie-busting three-cheese double nip platter after surviving for the last two years on nothing but buckets full of fish-heads? And besides, Hudson's lived in Winnipeg for nearly a year now, it's high time he hits up a Sals.

2 Girlfriend

While we're sure Hudson was 'thrilled' to find out the new friend who arrived from Churchill this week to share his space was a dude polar bear, we think he might prefer the company of lady polar bears. If this cave's a rockin' don't come a knockin'.

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3 Seal

It's a well-known fact that all polar bears love Seal.

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4 New Team Canada jersey

Reaction to Canada's choice of hockey jerseys for the 2014 Olympic Games has been mixed. Let's let Hudson have the final say. If he rips up and eats the new jersey we'll know we have to go back to the drawing board.

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5 Coca-Cola and a Klondike Bar

Years of watching television advertising has taught us two things: Polar bears will do anything for a Klondike Bar and they love to unwind after a long day of whatever polar bears do with an ice-cold Coca-Cola under the northern lights.

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Four Americans travel to Russia to present Snowden with award

NSA whistleblower. The Americans said Snowden was in good spirits and believes he did the right thing disclosing the NSA surveillance program

Four former U.S. government officials who met with former National Security Agency systems analyst Edward Snowden said Thursday that he is adjusting to life in Russia and expresses no regrets about leaking highly classified information. Separately, Snowden's father arrived to see his son.

The Americans, who once worked for the CIA, FBI, Justice Department and NSA, have criticized the U.S. government and exposed what they believed was wrongdoing in the security agencies. All supporters of Snowden, they are the first Americans known to have met with him since he was granted asylum in Russia in August.

In interviews with The Associated Press, they described spending the previous evening with Snowden to present him with an award given annually by a group of retired national security officers.

"He spoke about going out and about and getting to understand Russia and its culture and the people," said Thomas Drake, who started working for the NSA in 2001 and disclosed an electronic espionage program that he saw as invasive. "This is where he lives now, and so where you live is your home."

Snowden's father, Lon, did not say when or where he would meet his 30-year-old son, but expressed optimism about his situation.

"You know, I have heard so many things through the media, and my assumption is certainly, given the circumstances, he's doing as well as could be expected," Lon Snowden said shortly after he arrived in Moscow. "He's safe and he's free, and that's a good thing."

The elder Snowden said he doubts his son will return to the United States, where he is charged with violating the Espionage Act for disclosing the NSA's surveillance of phone and Internet usage around the world.

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Americans, from left, Jesselyn Radack, Raymond McGovern, Coleen Rowley and Thomas Drake chat before their interview with The Associated Press in Moscow, Russia, on Thursday. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whistleblowers unite

The Sam Adams Award

Most of the Americans who visited Snowden are past recipients of the Sam Adams Award, named for a CIA analyst who, during the Vietnam War, accused the U.S. military of underestimating the strength of the enemy for political purposes. The award is given annually by the Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence.

The winner of the award in 2010 was WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange.

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Munro 'surprised' and delighted by Nobel win

'Quite wonderful.'
Reclusive 82-year-old short-story writer only the 13th woman to win the literature prize

Book lovers around the globe celebrated Alice Munro's spare, elegant prose on Thursday when the Ontario-born author won the Nobel Prize for literature, but the reclusive short-story writer was typically succinct and humble in her reaction to the honour, calling it "quite wonderful."

"At this moment I can't believe it. It's really very wonderful," Munro said just moments after the announcement was made in Stockholm.

"I knew I was in the running, yes, but I never thought I would win." She added that she was delighted and "just terribly surprised."

In making the announcement, the Swedish Academy lauded the 82-year-old as a "master of the contemporary short story." Munro becomes the 110th Nobel laureate in literature and only the 13th woman to receive the distinction.

Reaction to those who have been touched by her work was swift and rapturous.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne cited Munro's Lives of Girls and Women as a favourite, adding she is "part of a lucky population who has been forever changed by (Munro's) unparalleled ability to articulate the complexity and heartbreaks of everyday life."

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Customer Greg Caws holds a copy of Alice Munro's latest book Dear Life at Munro's Books in Victoria, B.C., Thursday following the news that Munro, inset, had won the Nobel Prize for literature. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Earned it

"I think my first thought was 'Finally.'"
Toronto-based writer Wayson Choy

Deserved it

"(Munro) deserves (the Nobel) more than anybody."
Novelist, short-story writer Marina Endicott

Emotional

"I thought, 'Oh, that's just marvellous.'"
Winnipeg novelist David Bergen, who "got all teary-eyed" when he heard the news

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Two Canadians held without charge cleared to leave Egypt

Egypt's foreign ministry said Thursday a travel ban has been lifted for two Canadians who were barred from leaving Egypt following several weeks of imprisonment.

Badr Abdel-Atty, Egypt's foreign ministry spokesman, said the pair has been cleared to leave Egypt "within hours."

"The prosecutor general has informed us that they are free to leave the country after the accusations against them were dropped," Abdel-Atty said, adding that the prosecutor has ended the interrogation with the Canadians and has decided to cross their name out from the list of those banned from travelling.

He said instructions have been conveyed to ports and the interior ministry to remove their names from the list of people banned from leaving the country.

A spokeswoman for Canada's junior foreign affairs minister said that efforts continued Thursday to ensure the men are able to leave.

"Canadian officials continue to work tirelessly to facilitate Dr. Loubani and Mr. Greyson's departure from Egypt," Adria Minsky said in an email.

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New Brunswick. Former politician given 18 years in child sex-abuse case

A former municipal politician and youth worker in Saint John, N.B., abused his position of trust to sexually abuse and make pornographic images of boys for 12 years, a provincial court judge said Thursday as he sentenced Donnie Snook to an 18-year prison term.

Snook, who pleaded guilty in May to 46 charges including sexual assault and possessing, distributing and making child pornography, showed no emotion as he was led away in handcuffs.

His crimes, which began in January 2001 and went on until his arrest in January of this year, involved 17 boys, most of whom were from the Saint John area and between the ages of five and 15 at the time of the offences.

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Assisted suicide. Despite setback in court, activists say they won't give up

The debate over doctor-assisted suicide seems destined once more for the Supreme Court of Canada after advocates suffered a setback Thursday in the provincial courts.

B.C.'s Court of Appeal has reversed a lower court ruling that said Canada's assisted-suicide ban violated the charter rights of gravely ill Canadians.

B.C. Civil Liberties Association lawyer Grace Pastine stood with plaintiffs Lee Carter and Hollis Johnson — whose mother, Kay Carter, fought for the right to die in Canada before obtaining an assisted suicide in Switzerland in 2010 — outside the courthouse Thursday to announce they're not giving up despite the judgment.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iran

Toronto man freed from death row back in Canada

The Department of Foreign Affairs says an Iranian-Canadian man who was on death row in Tehran has returned to Canada.

Hamid Ghassemi-Shall had been in an Iranian prison since he was arrested in 2008 and charged with espionage until he was freed last month.

Ghassemi-Shall, who emigrated from Iran after that country's 1979 revolution, was sentenced to death in 2009.

The Toronto man had made several trips back to visit family before his arrest in 2008.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Lynne Yelich says the government is relieved by the positive outcome of Ghassemi-Shall's case. However, Yelich says Ottawa remains concerned by the "untold numbers of political prisoners languishing in Iran's notorious prison system."

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Montreal

Police crack down on pipeline protest march

Police moved to block a few dozen protesters from marching in Montreal near the site of hearings for a pipeline project.

The protesters oppose the proposal by Enbridge to reverse the flow of a pipeline to send oilsands crude eastward.

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Yukon

Hunter bags huge moose – but is it the biggest?

A hunter may have bagged the biggest bull moose to ever wander the wilds of the Yukon.

Heinz Naef says he brought down an Alaska-Yukon bull moose with a preliminary antler measurement of about 177 centimetres long with an antler score of 262.

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It's been nearly four weeks since a contractor accidentally knocked out power to a Surrey, B.C., trailer park, and longtime resident Stephen Chalmers says every day is more miserable than the last.

He says surviving the chilly nights in his leaky 1989 trailer has pushed him from a fragile state into a deep depression.

"I phoned my sister yesterday and I told my sister that I didn't know if I could continue," he said on Wednesday, choking on tears. "My family don't quit, but I'm ready to quit. I don't have money. I don't have a roof or a place because this hunk of junk."

NDP MLA Sue Hammell toured the Beladean Motel and Trailer Park, where seven or so residents still live, and said the conditions are heartbreaking. Not only is the power out and the generator service unreliable, but someone has cut the phone lines and a water pipe themselves.

"The pipe that delivered their water was cut, and it did not appear to be cut by the excavation, it appeared to be cut by other people, scroungers probably trying to get metal or cable," she said, adding the tenants fixed the water pipe themselves.

WorkSafeBC found owner K.B. Properties failed to hire a health and safety co-ordinator for demolition of the motel, resulting in unsafe asbestos removal and the power outage.

Jas Rehal, manager of bylaw enforcement, said the city has had to issue three orders to restore power after the company brought in insufficient generators and gas.

As of Thursday, the property was listed online as vacant land for sale for $3.9 million, despite the fact people still live there.

Vancouver Eviction Services president Stephano Muzzatti, who was hired by K.B. Properties to evict some of the residents, told Metro he was "irate" when he learned of the state of the park. On Thursday, he threatened to resign unless the owners provide an industrial generator and a security guard to stop looters and vandals.

Reached by phone Thursday, Roshan Arora, who is the property owner's brother and representative, said he was out shopping for an industrial generator as requested.

"After a couple of days, things will be OK," he said, when asked when the power would be restored.

That is no comfort to Chalmers, who is on disability due to mental health issues and is a recovering crack addict, clean for five years. His one comfort, his dog Spaghetti, is with a friend so she doesn't drink water leaking from his ceiling.

"I don't have a way to live a normal life at this point in time. I've done everything I can for myself to get better and it makes me feel like I'm an inconsequential piece of garbage that nobody wants to help, and I don't understand that.

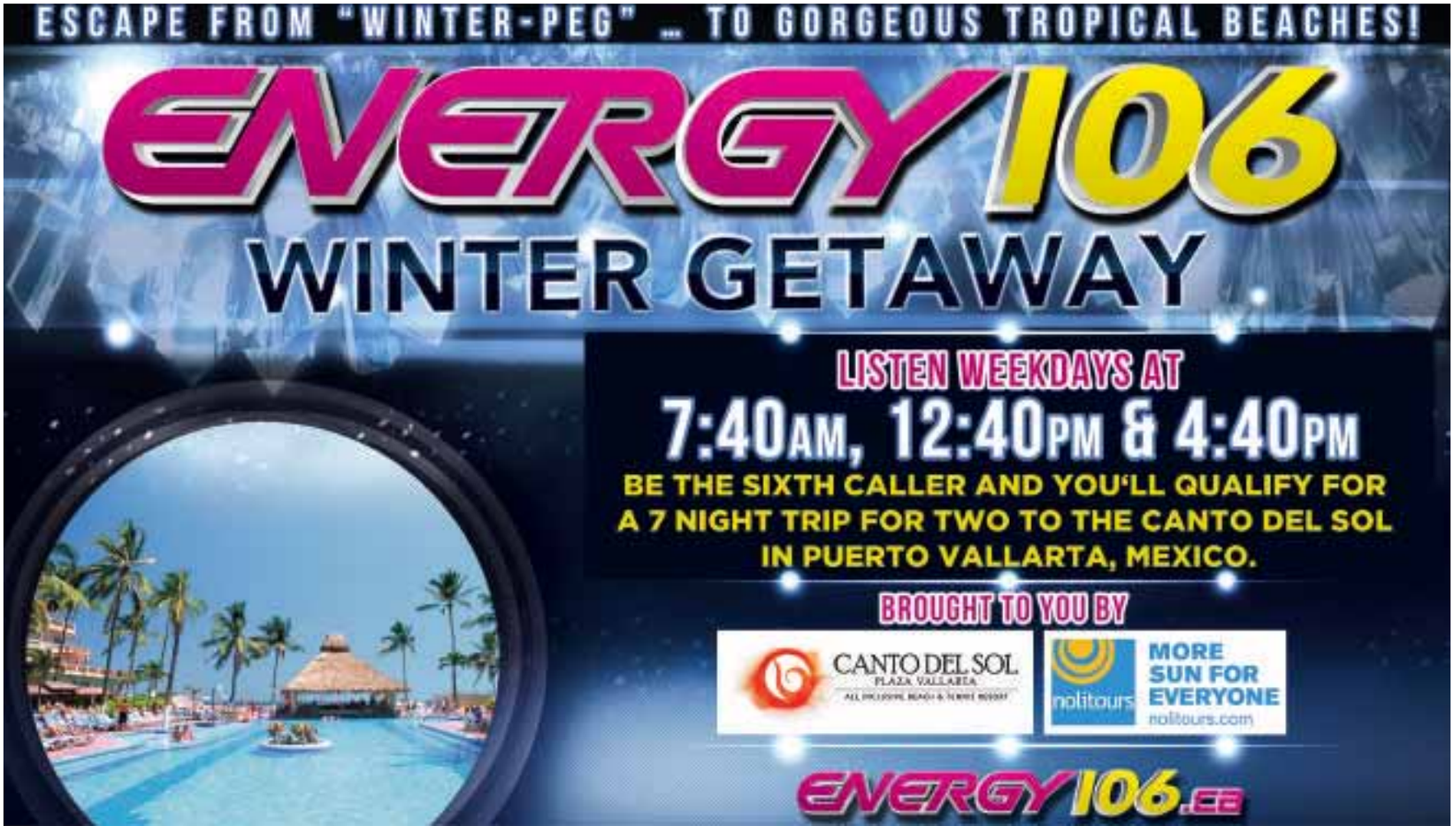
"I just want a trailer that I can park on a place and pay my rent and have my little dog so I've got somebody to love."

Heartbreak motel

Marilyn Chase is desperate to help her brother, Stephen Chalmers, find a new home. She has started a crowdfunding campaign on FundRazr with Metro's help.

- Most parks won't accept him as his 1989 trailer is too old and lacks proper certifications. Chase is trying to raise $5,000 to get him a used but newer one.
- **To donate, visit** metronews.ca/newtrailer.

Stephen Chalmers is desperate to escape the Beladean Motel and Trailer Park in Surrey. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO



400-plus pounds. Obese prisoner at Guantanamo appeals for release

Tarek El-Sawah is in terrible shape after 11 years as a prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, a fact even the U.S. military does not dispute.

During his time in captivity, the weight of the 55-year-old Egyptian has nearly doubled, reaching more than 420 pounds at one point, and his health has deteriorated as a result, both his lawyers and government officials concede.

Lawyers for El-Sawah, and the doctors they have taken to Cuba to examine him, paint a dire picture — a morbidly obese man with diabetes. He is short of breath, barely able to walk 10 feet. His lawyers hope to have him released.

Tarek El-Sawah in an old family photo. AP

"We are very afraid that he could die at any moment," said Lt. Col. Sean Gleason.

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Azerbaijan

President wins landslide before winning landslide

Something funny happened the day before Azerbaijan's presidential election: The election commission announced the winner.

On Tuesday, the smartphone app of the Central Election Commission released the results of Wednesday's vote, showing President Ilham Aliyev winning 73 per cent of the vote.

The gaffe was said to have happened when a software developer released the figures as a "test." In the real results Aliyev won by 85 per cent.

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Libya's PM abducted for several hours

Brazen seizure. Prime Minister Ali Zidan taken by gunmen in retaliation for a U.S. raid that captured an al-Qaida suspect

The abduction was brief but still audacious: Gunmen from one of Libya's many militias stormed a hotel where the prime minister has a residence and held him for several hours Thursday — apparently in retaliation for his government's alleged collusion with the U.S. in a raid last weekend that captured an al-Qaida suspect.

The brazen seizure of Prime Minister Ali Zidan heightened the alarm over the power of unruly militias that virtually hold the weak central government hostage. Many of the militias include Islamic militants and have ideologies similar to al-Qaida's.

The armed bands regularly use violence to intimidate officials to sway policies, gunning down security officials and kidnapping their relatives.

At the same time, the state relies on militias to act as security forces, since the police and military remain in disarray after dictator Moammar Gadhafi was overthrown and killed in 2011.

The militias are rooted in the brigades that fought in the uprising and are often referred to as "revolutionaries."

Not only was Zidan abducted by militiamen who officially work in a state body, it took other militias to rescue him by storming the site.

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Militias control much

The raid underscores the lawlessness gripping Libya.

- The weak central government is virtually hostage to multiple, independent-minded militias — many of them made up of Islamic militants — that serve as security forces and hold sway across the country.
- The armed bands regularly use violence.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan, left, at a press conference after being rescued from gunmen early Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dropcam Pro. Want to spy on your kids or nanny? It will cost you ... in data

There's another reason to fret over your Internet plan's data cap — at least for consumers who are interested in the new Dropcam Pro, a camera that beams live video from your home onto the Internet and offers a PVR-like experience to watch it through a website or mobile app.

Think of it as an Apple-esque nanny cam. It's a slick, easy-to-use device that lets parents keep an eye on their kids or pets while at work and functions as a security camera that can automatically store video online. It isn't terribly expensive for how well it works. But there's a catch. It may gulp through more than 65 gigabytes of data a month if left running 24/7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hungry, hungry camera

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The newest version of the camera, which was made available in Canada for the first time on Thursday via Dropcam.com and Amazon.ca, may gulp through more than 65 gigabytes of data a month if left running 24/7.

New way to waste time

Watching TV on your smartphone just got easier

A new gadget lets you watch TV on your phone or tablet without a blocky attachment.

Audiovox's "mobiletv" gizmo allows you to pick up free TV signals and watch them on Apple and Android mobile devices without eating into your cellular data plan. The accessory doesn't have to be attached to the mobile device physically. Previous mobile TV antennas could hang precariously from the charging port. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oh, um, no I'm not *that* Rogers

#$@* you, @rogers!

Affable Aussie transplant laughs off misdirected online ire during outage

LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

When Glenn Rogers's cellphone started vibrating uncontrollably Wednesday, he knew the cause immediately.

"Nothing like another Rogers outage to liven up my feed," he tweeted.

Glenn is the proud owner of the @rogers handle on Twitter. On most days, the Brooklyn resident receives only 100 or so messages from confused Rogers Communications customers, but during Wednesday's three-hour network outage, his Twitter feed exploded.

"It's almost instantaneous," the human Rogers said. "The moment people lose their Internet or their phone, they take to Twitter to voice their rage."

Canadian Rogers customers bombarded Glenn with misplaced abuse, much of it unfit for print. However, in between all the swearing and name-calling, plenty of others jumped to his defence.

Toronto's Real Jerk Restaurant even offered him a free meal if he ever came to the city.

Glenn Rogers of Brooklyn, N.Y., has the @rogers handle on Twitter. He often gets irate tweets meant for @RogersHelps. TWITTER

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Note: Direct any real complaints to Rogers Communications at @RogersHelps

Millions impacted

Rogers: Software problem behind network failure

Rogers Communications says it has fixed a network software problem that temporarily shut down text and phone service to about two-thirds of its 10 million cellphone customers.

Rogers and Fido postpaid cellphone customers, those on a contract and those who pay monthly will receive a credit on their bills for one day of service because of the outage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada left out again

Hershey's new soft caramel line to hit U.S. and China first

The Hershey Co. is launching a new candy brand, its first new brand in 30 years, a soft caramel creme line called Lancaster. And for the first time it is taking a double-barrelled approach, debuting the candy in the U.S. and China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good news ...

BlackBerry's saving grace could be co-founders

BlackBerry co-founders Mike Lazaridis and Douglas Fregin are looking at making a potential takeover bid for the smartphone maker.

According to documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission the two have "the goal of stabilizing and ultimately reinventing the company." THE CANADIAN PRESS

... Bad news

Smartphone maker shutting Halifax offices

Embattled tech giant BlackBerry announced the closure Thursday of its offices in the Halifax area, eliminating more than 300 high-paying jobs as part of a global push to cut costs.

The company issued a statement saying the location in suburban Bedford, N.S, would be shut down as of Jan. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New medical specialists struggle to get work: Study

The findings are startling, given years of complaints about doctor shortages and long wait times for surgeries. But a new report suggests that nearly one in six recently minted medical specialists cannot find work in their field.

And one in five of the new specialists reported taking a series of short term fill-in posts — locums, in the lingo of medicine — to stay working.

Physicians who reported having trouble finding work included urologists, critical care specialists, gastroenterologists, ophthamologists, orthopedic surgeons and general surgeons, though doctors from other subspecialties were also unemployed.

Steven Lewis, a health policy consultant based in Saskatchewan, suggested the report is proof that reactive moves made over the last 15 years or so solved one problem by creating another. And he said the situation the report captures will only get worse, because medical schools will continue to graduate specialists at current levels for the next few years at least.

"I think we overshot the mark," said Lewis, who was not involved in this study. "I think that there is no question that ... almost doubling medical school enrolments since the late 1990s combined with easier paths to licensure for international medical grads was the wrong thing to do. We didn't think it through as a country." THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the know

The report is based on a survey of over 4,000 newly graduated doctors and interviews with about 50 people knowledgeable about the situation — deans of medical schools, hospital CEOs and the like.

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SECOND BIG BANG THEORY CONFIRMED

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 C'est la vie. Claire Le Bel, mayoral candidate of Laval, the city just north of Montreal, is requesting police protection after her campaign manager was assaulted. The attack followed the release of recorded conversations with her former boss and long-time mayor, Gilles Vaillancourt. Vaillancourt is currently facing criminal charges for "gangsterism," or as it's called in Montreal, "politics."

2 Sexy thangs. Esquire magazine named Scarlett Johansson the sexiest woman alive for the second time. While many of us agree that she is sexy, the title of "sexiest" is very subjective. A tip to men choosing to engage in public controversy, the correct answer should invariably be (insert name of wife or girlfriend here).

3 Splitsville, U.S.A. Bruce and Kris Jenner have officially separated. With no pre-nuptial agreement in place, the enterprising Kardashian baby-mama is likely to pack a huge financial punch. My advice to the Olympian: Better eat your Wheaties before the milk runs out. Divorce proceedings can be seen on Fox.

4 Till you drop. A study released by the National Academy of Sciences this week uncovered the mystery of marsupial male deaths after mating. Apparently the female only accepts male suitors once a year for the sole purpose of reproduction. This encourages competition in males who save their sperm and energy for something of a "big bang marathon," which lasts for 12 to 14 hours and repeats several times until they eventually die of stress. They needed a study for this?

5 Hockey Night in Canada. Note to women: Attempting unscheduled discussions expecting more than a monosyllabic response from spouses during NHL games is considered interference and will result in a penalty. Note to husbands: Invoking said penalty may result in changes to the mating schedule (see number four).

6 Say what? A Nobel Prize in physics was awarded to Peter Higgs and François Englert for discovering the Higgs boson, a.k.a. "the God particle," which confers mass to elementary particles. This is controversial because several physicists experienced simultaneous breakthroughs. Some scientists were upset and considered taking it before the courts until their lawyers explained that no one would understand what the heck they were talking about.

7 In the mix. Red Bull's Thre3style National DJ Finals were held last Sunday at Cowboy's Dance Hall in Calgary. The crowd was treated to some funktastic sets by eight of Canada's finest. Quebec's Adam (Doubleyou) White won the honour of representing Canada at the world finals, which this year will be held in clubs across Toronto from Nov. 4 to 9. Book your spot at redbull.ca/3styletickets.

8 This week in music. On Oct. 9, 1975, Sean Lennon, the only child of John and Yoko, was born, prompting the former Beatle toward a musical hiatus in favour of being a full-time father and husband. Sean went on to become a singer, songwriter, musician and actor. Oh, also born on Oct. 9 ... John Lennon.

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ZOOM

Berlin is looking bright these days

BRITTA PEDERSEN/DPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shining city tells many stories

The installation Waechter der Zeit (Guardians of the Time) stands in front of the Berlin Cathedral during the festival of lights.

The festival of lights illuminates numerous famous landmarks, streets, squares and hot spots in the German capital through Oct. 20. In addition to the light exhibits, the festival holds many events and musical performances all connected by the light theme.

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One of the largest of its kind

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visitors flock to the event, now in its ninth year, and the city sees an additional 600,000 people come from out of town. The festival has garnered international attention and is now one of the largest light festivals in the world.

Lamps shaped as ships are seen in a water basin next to Potsdam Square, Berlin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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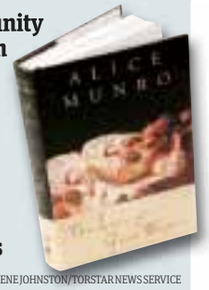
Thursday gave us all an opportunity to puff with patriotic pride when it was announced that national treasure Alice Munro had won the 2013 Nobel Prize for literature. So whether you want to read Munro's work for the first time, or are interested in checking out some other short story writers, here's a few good places to start.



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The New Yorker:

Let's start with the master herself. The New Yorker is one of Alice Munro's unofficial homes, and the archive on their website is a treasure trove of her work that reaches back through the years. Many of them are locked behind a subscriber paywall, but it'll be a long time before you run out of free content. (newyorker.com)

East of the Web:

Feel free to pluck a story out of the thousands available from professional and amateur in whichever genre you choose — provided your tastes aren't hopelessly niche. The sci-fi collection is particularly robust. (eastoftheweb.com)

Bibliofaction:

Another huge depository à la East of the Web, except buoyed by a strong and supportive community that we've heard can be quite helpful to aspiring short story authors ready to begin building their own case for a Nobel Prize. (bibliofaction.com)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: An NYC restaurant forbids chit chatting while dining. Would you eat there?

@BVAssociation: The food better be outstanding to earn our silence and increased attention.

@BrianObie1: this is nothing more than a ploy to get people in and out quickly and make more $$$$

@chantalehoney: that sounds wonderful! My kids talk so much, I'd love a quiet meal!

@BlakeHusky: Finally, a restaurant I can take my mother-in-law to.

@serpentina66: ew. All you'd hear is smacking, slurping, chewing, and loud swallowing.

@Lalu31: I wouldn't. Soup slurping, forks scraping against plates, and general chewing sounds would be heightened in silence!Need convo

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Synopsis

Based on the true story of Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks) who took on a routine voyage around the Horn of Africa in April 2009 when his ship was attacked by Somali Pirates led by Muse (Barkhad Abdi). "Nobody gets hurt," Muse says. "It's just business." But business turns violent when it becomes clear the million-dollar payday Muse and company were expecting isn't going to pan out. As the situation escalates Phillips is taken aboard a life raft, kidnapped, bound for Somalia where he'll be held for ransom.

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Tom Hanks is a mix of heroic and stoic in Captain Phillips. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Captain with a hook

Pitted against pirates. Tom Hanks puts forth a powerful performance in the spellbinding Captain Phillips

Richard: Mark, I don't think it's fair to charge audiences full price for screenings of Captain Phillips. While watching this I was reminded of the old Monster Trucks ads that bellowed, "You pay for the whole seat but you'll only need the edge!" Director Paul Greengrass is a master of action who does a great job of portraying the vastness of the ocean and the isolation of the ship and its crew. I was dangling off the front of my seat from about the 30 minute mark. You?

Mark: Yes, in fact I was so on edge I have a slice-mark across my butt. I was so grateful the movie doesn't waste a lot of time going into the backstories of the crew. The pirates arrive quickly and brutally. I was worried we'd have to endure a lot of bleeding heart nonsense about the pirates and their "point of view." But that is kept to a minimum and the bad guys get to be bad guys and Tom Hanks, once again, can be a saint among men.

RC: I thought Hanks was terrific here. He is saintly, but he's also heroic and stoic. I think it might have been easy to overplay this role but he keeps it subdued for the most part. (SPOILER ALERT) It's only in the film's final moments, when the ordeal is over, that Hanks really unloads with the kind of raw and shell shocked reaction that the Academy is going to love.

MB: The Academy may also love the Somali pirate captain, Barkhad Abdi, who goes toe to toe with Hanks through the whole movie. I haven't seen such a scary, haunting face since the days of German Expressionist cinema! The movie is riveting, but it isn't surprising. There's only one way this movie can end and it should be obvious halfway through. That having been said, I have no fingernails left.

RC: Abdi is great. This is an action movie and as written he is primarily a plot device to keep the action moving forward, but despite an underwritten part he brings some humanity to the villain role. His explanation for his way of life, that he is a victim of limited opportunity and not a bad man, helps place his actions in context.

MB: Greengrass has passed this way before, in United 93. But this is a lesser known story, so it's easier to tense up and enjoy it.

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Mother knows best, so they say, but the truth is there's only a delicately placed 'S' separating 'mother' from 'smother'. With the remake of Stephen King's Carrie on the horizon, Metro opted to use poor Carrie White (Chloe Grace-Moretz in the new version) and her operatically toxic relationship with her wild-eyed monster of a mom Margaret(Julianne Moore) as the inspiration for a brief list of other great cataclysmic mother/child relationships in filmed entertainment. Here's a few of our faves.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

5 Truly mad mothers

Psycho (1960)

Though we never actually see Norma Bates in Hitchcock's seminal mama's boy horror classic, her presence dominates the film just as much as it dominates her boy Norman's fevered, homicidal imagination. Much later, Olivia Hussey would illustrate the grimy, borderline incestuous relationship in Psycho IV and recently TV's Bates Motel explored the increasingly dangerous mother/son stew with the aid of actress Vera Farmiga. Psycho's infamous shower sequence deftly seals the obsessive parental relationship in the most explicit way possible.

Wild at Heart

David Lynch's outrageous, ultra-violent road movie/romance/horrorshow stars Laura Dern and her real-life mother Diane Ladd as white-trash belles whose sickening closeness decimates all. When Dern runs away with her lover (Nicolas Cage at his best), Ladd turns into the wicked witch, sending murderers after them while rapidly losing whatever tenuous grip on sanity she may have had. Watch out for the scene of Ladd in full face lipstick, screaming at the fates. Chilling stuff.

Mother's Boys

This underrated thriller sees Jamie Lee Curtis as a mom who leaves her brood, only to return years later. When her husband spurns her affections for a new lover, Curtis goes insane, harassing the family, committing murder and brainwashing her conflicted elder son into acting out her psychotic intent. Brace yourself for the nail-biting and emotionally upsetting climax.

Mommie Dearest

Faye Dunaway channels a distortion of actress Joan Crawford in this accidental camp classic, an adaptation of the same named biography penned by Crawford's daughter. In it, the boozy, ballistic single mother terrorizes, tortures, browbeats and physically attacks her poor offspring in encounters so over-the-top they breach the level of cartoon. Watch out for the bit in which a histrionic Dunaway performs an unwelcome haircut on her screaming kid.

Boardwalk Empire

Prime time has never seen the likes of devil-mama Gillian Darmody, played with desperate seduction by the gorgeous Gretchen Mol in the hit HBO series. Darmody uses sex as a weapon to manipulate and maneuver her son Jimmy through a vile underworld that eventually destroys him. She also sleeps with her child. But such antics are only the tip of this black widow's scheming iceberg. Beware the lethal heroine/bathtub encounter in season three.

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Paulson's petty and villainous role

12 Years a Slave. Actress says Mistress Epps is her most violent role to date and she doesn't plan on going that dark again

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Sarah Paulson goes to some impressively dark, violent places in director Steve McQueen's brutal and arresting 12 Years a Slave as Mistress Epps, the petty and defensive wife of Michael Fassbender's malicious plantation owner. And to think, "Michael Fassbender's wife" sounds like such an appealing job description.

This isn't what you imagined being married to Michael Fassbender would be like, is it?
It sure isn't. Every single person asked me when I told them. They were like, "What are you going to do?" And I told them, "I'm doing this movie 12 Years a Slave. I play Michael Fassbender's wife." And before I got to the part about what it's about, they were like, "Wait, wait, wait. Do you get to kiss him?" And I was like, "Ah … it's not that kind of movie, so unfortunately no." But from an acting standpoint it's everything I could've hoped for.

It's remarkable that even with this big of an ensemble you still get a chance to make your impact. What was your route into understanding your character?
I didn't want to judge her, even though I think she behaves despicably and does indefensible things, without question — and I'm not looking to justify her behaviour on her behalf. But in terms of an actor trying to find a way into something, I had to figure out the motivating factors, and what was motivating her behaviour was her terrible fear that she was about to lose her husband — or had lost her husband — along with the respect in her household, the opinion of her in the community, all of it. It's very embarrassing, and I think for someone like Mistress Epps, I don't think she is a deeply complicated person. I'm not saying she's dumb, but I don't think she is emotionally or psychologically savvy. So instead I think she just went the only way she knows how, which is in my mind kind of like the way an animal defends its turf.

She does have a considerable amount of power over Master Epps, though.
She does, she does. Because I think she thinks he's weak, and when she sees his weakness she goes for it. Master Epps is really in love with Patsy, but he hates himself for it. His own love for her is despicable to him and he knows it can't be and it's not right, and my character plays on that fear in him and gets him to act out based on that ill feeling inside of himself, and that's where her power lies.

Have you ever done anything onscreen as violent as what you do in this film?
No, never. Never. And I hope to never again, although I do feel that it was very important for the narrative that it be as strong as that, to really show what was endured. The brutality of it, to me, is absolutely important and imperative to the telling of this story. I just feel that without it, it would lose part of what feels so insanely authentic about the movie.

Sarah Paulson is the petty, defensive Mistress Epps in 12 Years A Slave. CONTRIBUTED

Action

Machete Kills

Director. Robert Rodriguez

Stars. Danny Trejo, Michelle Rodriguez

If you're not already on board with the grindhouse resurgence, this movie is not for you. Machete is once again pulled into U.S./Mexico politics, this time by the U.S. president who's tasked him with stopping a bi-polar revolutionary who's got a missile pointed at the U.S. (the trigger is rigged to his heart beat). Buoyed by a bigger budget, Rodriguez goes all out in this sequel. But in the constant jumping around, he quickly loses the plot. Still there's enough blood shed and stunt casting to carry the film — Cuba Gooding Jr. is a particular surprise. IAN GORMELY

Drama

Romeo and Juliet

Director. Carlo Carlei

Stars. Hailee Steinfeld, Douglas Booth

Downton Abbey guru Julian Fellowes and director Carlo Carlei take a crack at Shakespeare's doomed teen lovers, and the results are barely worthy of a catty dismissal by the Dowager Countess. Somehow Fellowes — who gets credit for the screenplay here — manages to significantly shorten the play and still make this version feel unending. It's so bland, lifeless and unnecessary that you find yourself watching the kids pine and think, "Just die already so we can get out of here." Do yourself a favour and just rent Zeffirelli's version instead. NED EHRBAR

Romance

The Right Kind of Wrong

Director. Jeremiah S. Chechik

Stars. Ryan Kwanten, Catherine O'Hara

The Right Kind of Wrong has a kind of identity crisis. Not only does the Canadian rom-com cater to clichéd mainstream conventions but it distractingly works in foul (and mostly flat) gags involving testicles and incontinence in Paris. True Blood's Ryan Kwanten is appealing enough as a phobic, failed writer trying to inexplicably woo a newly-married woman, but here's a tip to future filmmakers: If a mountainous setting upstages the cast, your film's in all kinds of trouble. STEVE GOW

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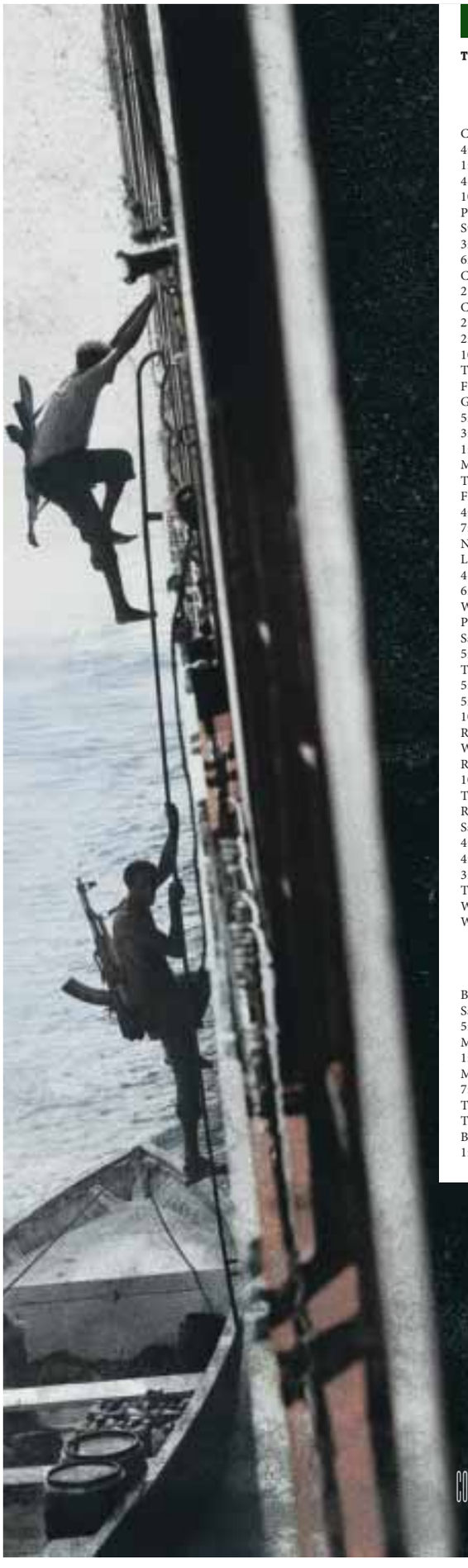

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From Fifty Shades to Jurassic Poke

Dinosaur erotica. Writer is ready and willing to talk about Rex — and all of his frenzied fans

ANDREA PARK
Metro World News in New York

Authors Christie Sims and Alara Branwen gained Internet notoriety after writing several volumes of dinosaur erotica, including Taken by the T-Rex and In the Velociraptor's Nest.

The two friends met at Texas A&M University, where they are both students, and found that writing erotica was not just fun, but also profitable.

They decided to write lurid tales of ancient, scaly creatures having their way with women (under pen names, of course) and saw their novel idea take off. Branwen spoke with Metro about her strange success and even offered up a bonus: an amazing, Metro-exclusive, dinosaur sex scene with everyone's favourite pop star, Miley Cyrus.

How did you get into dinosaur erotica? Is it really just for the money?
I first got into dinosaur erotica because I was burned out on doing dragon, were-creature, and the other kinds of erotica that I was doing at the time. I so burned out on writing it that I thought about quitting. However, as I was going for a walk one day, I thought about Jurassic Park. My mind immediately went to my work and I started picturing huge dinosaurs having sex with young women. I died laughing. I thought that writing a dinosaur erotica would be fun and would possibly reignite my passion for writing. So I wrote a dino word porn. The story was fun to write and it rekindled my excitement for writing.

Do I write it just for the money? No. Of course, money is part of the reason I write. Since I am a writer, writing is my job and therefore (money is) part of the reason I write. However, I write dinosaur and fantasy creature erotica because it's unique, funny, fun and it is fresh enough to give me new ideas each time I sit down at the keyboard.

Where do you draw literary inspiration for your prose?
I get a lot of my basic writing structure from, believe it or not, Isaac Asimov. I am very fond of his simple style that is very clear and makes it easy for readers to connect to him. When it comes to my sex scenes though, I draw a lot of inspiration from R. A. Salvatore. His combat scenes are what taught me how to write action oriented scenes. Piers Anthony and Robert Heinlein are also big inspirations for my work for various reasons.

How did you get your books noticed in the first place?
I think they got noticed at the level they have been noticed because someone made fun of my art covers and story titles on their blog. Other people made fun of my work on their own blogs. Jezebel saw the stories and did a piece on it, as did the Daily Mail. Then my book titles spread like wildfire. Now they are all over the place.

Apparently there's a whole market of people willing to pay to read about buxom women being taken by T-Rex. ISTOCK PHOTOS

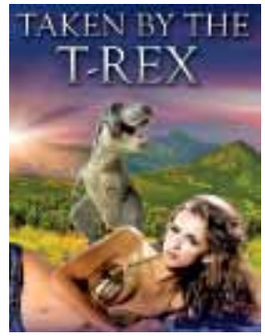
How do you two divide your work?
Christie and I both write together. Basically I write until I get tired, and then Christie takes over. Together we are able to do about 5,000 to 9,000 words per day on working days.

Who are your readers?
If you want a breakdown of our fans, it's about 60 per cent men and 40 per cent women. Most of our readers seem to be between the ages of 24 to 60, with most of our readers being in the 30 to 40 age range.

Do they seriously fantasize about dinosaurs or is there some sort of irony on their part, too?
I think they do seriously fantasize about dinosaurs, dragons, minotaurs, centaurs or whatever the story is about. However, some readers buy the stories just because they think they are funny or crazy. It doesn't matter to Christie or me why our readers buy them, just as long as they derive some kind of enjoyment out of them.

Do your friends know you write this stuff?
Yes, and they all think it is either cool or hilarious.

Who illustrates your covers?
A good friend illustrates our covers.



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The small screen keeps getting scarier

Television. Violent, graphic stories are increasingly migrating from movie theatres to your living room

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News in New York City

Kathy Bates plays the evil Madame LaLaurie on American Horror Story: Coven. CONTRIBUTED

'Tis the season for all things that creep, crawl and go bump in the night, and if your TV Guide is any indication, it's also the year for it.

There's been a noticeable shift in the medium — where horror used to lurk almost entirely at the box office, we're seeing a large influx of spooky, scary and sometimes downright disturbing programs on television.

From long-running shows like Dexter (R.I.P.) to newer fright fests like American Horror Story (its third season premiered Wednesday), Bates Motel and Hannibal, there's no denying that viewers have developed an appetite for TV with darker inclinations.

This begs the question: Why do we love to be scared? And why now, seemingly more than ever? The world is a scary place, and the truth is too often more disturbing than fiction. So how is it that there's an expanding market for fictional shows designed to horrify?

According to Dr. Robert Kraft, a psychology professor at Otterbein University, this inclination for frightening tales is innately human.

"The world has always been a scary place and people have always enjoyed terrifying stories — from the myths of ancient Greece through ... contemporary stories of horror in film and on television," he says.

However, he agrees that there's been a shift as of late.

"One change has been the increasingly realistic depiction of graphic violence. More than half a century ago, the famous shower scene in Hitchcock's Psycho never showed the victim getting stabbed. Today, that scene would be shot with multiple gory close-ups of the actual stabbing. Another change has been the migration of graphic, violent stories from the movies to television," he says.

Channelling our fears

"When the murder and mayhem on TV is over, we can turn it off and feel safe. It gives us a sense of control."

Emmy-winning media psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman

Even shows not expressly designed to be scary (dramas like Breaking Bad or new FX crime thriller The Bridge) depict gore and violence that would have been deemed unairable not so long ago. Meanwhile, shows like Criminal Minds allow viewers a chilling peek inside the psyches of psychopaths and serial killers.

And, in a time when what we see on the news should be scary enough to sate anyone's need for that kind of voyeurism, we seem to be seeking it out more than ever.

"People watch disturbing, gory shows for the excitement, the vicarious experience of violence, the strong emotions and the ultimate resolution of the conflicts," says Kraft. "Many follow a familiar trajectory that allows people to be scared while also knowing that there will be a clear resolution."

In other words, we watch because it allows us to channel our real world fears into a compartmentalized, manageable form of entertainment. Emmy-winning media psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman agrees. "When the murder and mayhem on TV is over, we can turn it off and feel safe," she says. "It gives us a sense of control."

So, when we watch some form of the bogeyman wreak unimaginable horrors on a fictional victim, then we oddly enough feel safer.

Kevin Howley, a media studies professor, sums it up. "These shows offer viewers a vehicle to explore the dark side in relative safety and security," he says.

"In this respect, these programs are part of a longer storytelling tradition — think Grimm's fairy tales, for instance — that help explain the world, a sometimes dark and scary place, and do so in a thoroughly engrossing and enlightening fashion."

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Vanilla Ice goes old school, Amish-style

Unlikely pairings. The rapper-renovator heads to rural Ohio to learn from master craftsmen, and finds they've got great MacGyver skills

Rob Van Winkle, better known as Vanilla Ice, is pictured in Toronto on Tuesday as he promotes his new television show Vanilla Ice Goes Amish. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

What could a flashy, Florida-based pop icon share in common with members of a tight-knit religious sect in rural Ohio? Well, a passion for craftsmanship for starters — but not of the musical variety.

Rob Van Winkle, better known as Vanilla Ice, catapulted to fame with his '90s smash hit Ice Ice Baby, the first rap single to top the Billboard Hot 100. More recently, he's been charting success in the renovation realm by purchasing, remodelling and selling homes, not to mention documenting renos on The Vanilla Ice Project.

In Vanilla Ice Goes Amish, which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. on DIY Network, Van Winkle heads to Holmes County, Ohio — the largest Amish settlement in the U.S. — to learn from master craftsmen and to fully immerse himself in the Amish way of life free of modern conveniences.

"I wasn't sure what to expect because I know that they build furniture and stuff like that, but I didn't know much beyond that," admitted the affable Van Winkle during a recent press day in Toronto.

"And so, when I get there, I see that they really ... pride themselves on craftsmanship and their abilities and their skills. They'll build anything you want. They have great MacGyver skills. That's what we call them back at the lab back in Florida," he added, a reference to the '80s TV character who could make inventive items out of everyday materials.

"We say: 'There's no real rule book on how you're going to fix that. You can do it with mortar, you can do it 10 different ways, but you've got to fix it, so let's see how good your real carpentry skills are.' The good ones that have been around for a while, they'll figure out a way to make that work, whether it's a corner or whether it's holding up a beam."

Once the idea for Vanilla Ice Goes Amish was cemented with the network, making initial arrangements to film required extraordinary measures.

"You can't send a fax. You can't send an email. You can't send a tweet, a text, a Vine (video), a nothing," Van Winkle said, noting that a representative flew to Ohio and drove two-and-a-half hours to meet with community members.

"He didn't even know if they knew who Vanilla Ice was. And they did, they knew. They'd heard of Vanilla Ice. It was pretty cool," Van Winkle recalled.

In the series debut, Van Winkle works with a construction crew to transform a dated kitchen into a state-of-the-art space. But he quickly learns of the challenges of carrying out routine tasks, like requiring permission from the church bishop to use electricity or power tools.

"When we're doing (work for) the Amish folks, you have to consider that there's no electricity. So your backsplash, you don't have to worry about putting a bunch of outlets (in). There won't be any lights, there won't be any fixtures, under-counter lights or anything."

Van Winkle also brought his own design influence to help marry traditional workmanship with modern finesse, like a double ogee edge on granite countertops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Life off the grid

- When he wasn't involved in construction work, Van Winkle was walking the walk when it came to Amish life, taking up residence on a farm.
- Not only did he live without electricity, phones, the Internet and even mirrors, the tattooed, ballcap-sporting rapper-renovator would even wear attire more in-step with the community — including garments without zippers.

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Canadian actress Emily Bett Rickards from the series Arrow. The show's second season premiered Wednesday. AMY SUSSMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bett Rickards hits the target with Arrow

Television. Canadian actress has turned a one-off appearance into a regular stint on the crime-fighting series

Talk about making a good impression. Actress Emily Bett Rickards was happy when she scored a one-off role on Arrow last year.

Bett Rickards played IT girl Felicity Smoak on the action-adventure series, which stars Stephen Amell as billionaire playboy Oliver Queen, who secretly fights crime and corruption with a bow and arrow. "It was one episode, two scenes," the 22-year-old Canadian actress recalled.

Her portrayal of a character with tech-savvy smarts — and a funny, sweet stream-of-consciousness rhythm to her speech — caught on with viewers. She was brought back for more episodes, and by the end of the season, she was a part of Queen's inner circle. She's now a regular on the series, which returned for a second season Wednesday night.

You're doing stunts this season. Is that fun?
I like doing stunts because I'm very physical, I always grew up with sports. It's a different part of acting. That part is really educational and I'm still learning. It can be painful, too. Our stunt doubles are so trained in making sure they don't hurt the next day. My body's not used to doing it.

Is it strange to have stunt doubles?
I said once (that) I want fair warning every time my stunt double is on set because we're the same build, she's got blond hair, you put her in a dress and the same makeup, it's like looking in a mirror. The first time I saw her I (gasped) because your brain kind of knows what it is but you're still shocked. She's fabulous.

Stephen Amell has to stay in tiptop shape for his role. Does he avoid craft services to keep those abs?
Oh, he's a grazer. He eats. Yeah, he does. It's different for men than it is for women. ... We'll go and we'll grab a handful of almonds. ... He and David (Ramsey) come back with coffee cups full of almonds.

There are fans rooting for an Oliver-Felicity romance. What do you think?
It has to be earned. ... It could happen but it also could not because they are friends and they're also dealing with life and death every day. ... I think if they were to get together so early, I wonder if it would lose sweetness or a friendship compatibility.

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Early casualty

We Were Men: Freshman sitcom gets the axe

CBS is yanking the freshman sitcom We Are Men from its schedule.

The Monday night comedy about four bachelors starred Tony Shalhoub, Jerry O'Connell, Kal Penn and Chris Smith. It failed to gain traction with viewers and became one of the new season's early casualties.

"Well, We Were Men," Penn posted on his Twitter account after CBS' announcement Wednesday. "Loved our cast & crew. Much love to the peeps who watched & enjoyed."

O'Connell tweeted, "We Are Men cancelled. What a fun ride. Love those guys."

Starting next Monday, 2 Broke Girls will replace We Are Men in the 8:30 p.m. EDT time slot, with repeats of The Big Bang Theory airing at 9 p.m. EDT for two weeks.

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High on life ... and marijuana

A$AP Rocky. New York's rapper of the moment tells Metro why fashion is his biggest influence, amid a haze of green

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"I'm not going to lie, drugs have influenced my life; I do smoke a lot of marijuana," slurs the guy who gave up dealing drugs two years ago.

Even over the telephone, it's unarguably clear in his smoke-soaked voice. At this point, the interview mimics those post-party dead-hour stoner chats where conversation falls somewhere between the profound and the prosaic.

"Smoking together, bonging together, that's where you meet some of your closest friends — it's like a token of friendship."

The combination of drug talk and toking has brought the hip hop artist to his open-your-mind optimum, continuing.

"It's an international language of love. There's no skin colour barriers or no shit like that; everything is one colour and that's purple baby —everything is motherf—ing purple."

A$AP Rocky's the ultimate hip hop protagonist in a world where he's "free to do whatever I want."

He bagged a $3 million dollar deal with Sony-RCA's subdivision Polo Grounds Music. The dollar sign in the crews' name is now justified. And his debut album Long.Live.A$AP went straight to number one on the Billboard 200.

But like demigods before him, Rocky's success is sewn in that murky mortal world where the rise and fall of celebrity is celebrated in equal measure — a place where Rocky's not master.

Days before this interview, the 24-year-old (real name Rakim Mayers) was charged with assault after allegedly slapping a female fan at a festival in Philadelphia. His management was cagey: Rocky's stoned. You'll agree there's a certain irony in his F—kin' Problems lyrics: "I love bad bitches, that's my f—kin' problem."

But as the Harlem-born rapper says, "You know, I'm not an angel, we all know that, but I do love good people."

Love, or rather lust, is another liberal endeavor for Rocky. He's a boundless shagger of priapic proportions, with groupies genuflecting before the altar of the hip hop collective A$AP Mob.

And "good" seems to refer to beautiful people: A$AP Rocky had a string of real and rumoured alliances with rapper Iggy Azalea, model Chanel Iman, who was at his side at the VMAs, and apparently Rihanna.

But he is in fact, referring to Raf Simons, creative director at Christian Dior. Rocky loves clothes (Alexander Wang cast him in the Spring 2013 promo of his own diffusion line T by Alexander Wang).

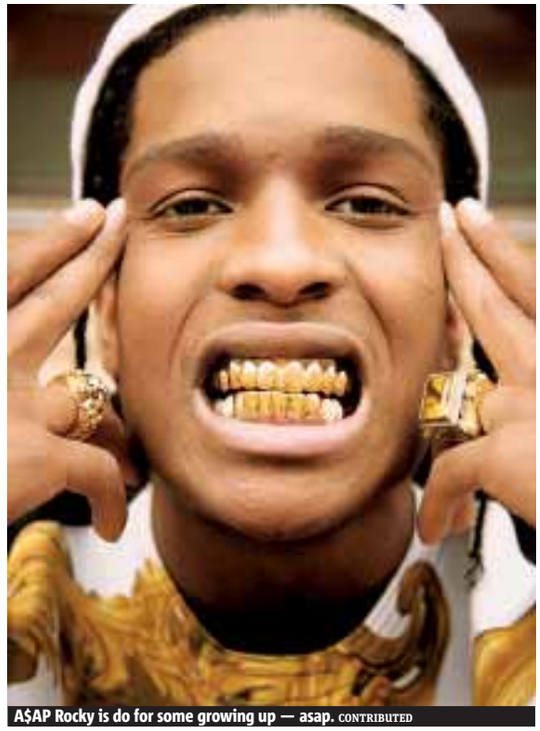
"I appreciate and admire high-end fashion and streetwear in the same way people love a sports team," he dozily enthuses.

In fact, the mention of fashion is enough to draw the rapper out of his green-induced slumber.

"Raf Simons is one of my biggest influences, he actually influences my music," he says.

The days of rappers name-checking those '90s household designers like Versace, Dolce & Gabbana and Tommy Hilfiger are over, but few could academically discuss the finer points of Simons, Rick Owens and Jeremy Scott. Amidst the fog of weed there is some sense in Rocky's mellow world.

But he'll need to reign in the nonsense if more converts are to join the masses in chanting: "Long.Live. A$AP."



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Janelle Monae's music is out of this world

New music. The R&B singer pays tribute to a pair of little known female pioneers on her new album

CHRIS JORDON
Metro World News

Though rising R&B star Janelle Monae sometimes seems absorbed in a futuristic world of androids and clones, she pays homage in song to two real-life female groundbreakers on her brand new album, The Electric Lady: astronaut Sally Ride and actress Dorothy Dandridge.

"The Electric Lady are the ladies who are out there in this world and should be respected," Monae says.

Dandridge in 1954 was the first African American to be nominated for an Academy Award for best actress, for her role in Carmen Jones. Monae extols the virtues of the actress in the jazzy Dorothy Dandridge Eyes.

Respect given

"I thought it was important to pay homage to her."
Janelle Monae
Speaking about astronaut Sally Ride

Ride's service on the crew of the space shuttle Challenger in 1983 made her the first American woman in space. Monae's rock 'n' roll ballad Sally Ride on The Electric Lady is a funky space oddity.

"She was definitely working as an astronaut during a time when women were not being accepted; she was the minority," Monae says of the late Ride. "I thought it was important to pay homage to her and tell her story and also she was in a same-sex relationship for a while … and women who were in same sex relationships would definitely be fired or discriminated against because of their sexual orientation."

Recognizing this is all part of the Electric Lady concept.

Despite paying tribute to those who reached the stratosphere, Janelle Monae's work remains down to earth. GETTY IMAGES

Pop music. Jonas Brothers cancel tour due to creative differences

The Jonas Brothers have cancelled their tour. GETTY IMAGES

Just two days before the Jonas Brothers were set to start their tour, the boy band cancelled the engagement due to a "deep rift within the band," reports People Magazine.

"There was a big a disagreement over their music direction," spokesperson Jesse Derris said.

Apparently, Nick, Joe and Kevin argued about the direction of their band and music and decided to cancel the tour as a result. Disappointed fans will get their money back.

The rep told People the future "remains to be seen."

It sounds to us like this could be the road to a breakup. Recently, Nick, 21, and Joe, 24, have each released solo albums while eldest brother Kevin, 25, has a reality show on E! with his wife Danielle called Married to Jonas. Despite the time apart, the trio worked together this past year to produce singles Pom Poms and First Time. Another source told People the hiatus does not stem from the fact that Kevin is expecting a child, but is purely a result of "creative differences."

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Tunes for your turkey

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Three tracks you may have missed whilst getting ready for the long weekend. Feel free to share them over Thanksgiving dinner.

When You Were Young (Calvin Harris Remix)/The Killers

Yes, the song is a decade old, but it's been remixed EDM style for the deluxe edition of The Killers's soon-to-be-released Direct Hits collection (Nov. 11).

Over My Dead Body/Manraze

A supergroup of sorts featuring Steve Jones of the Sex Pistols and, er, Phil Collen of Def Leppard.

Build Me Up Buttercup/ Highway Singalong

Some guy in L.A. gets people stuck in traffic to sing along with him and videos everything. Me? I'd run him off the road just on principle.

Mind the App

Bob Dylan Bootlegs

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A companion to Dylan's latest album, Another Self-Portrait, Bootlegs explores the hidden meanings, histories and influences of his rarest recordings using a timeline of videos, lyrics, sound waveforms and storytelling.

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Josh Hutcherson. ALL IMAGES GETTY

Damn that guy's good looking but I'm straight for now, says Hutcherson

Hunger Games star Josh Hutcherson is pretty forward-thinking when it comes to sexuality, telling Out magazine that he considers himself "mostly straight" in a recent interview. "Maybe I could say right now I'm 100 per cent straight, but who knows? In a f—ing year I could meet a guy and be like, 'Whoa, I'm attracted to this person,'" the 20-year-old actor says. "I've met guys all the time that I'm like, 'Damn, that's a good-looking guy,' you know? I've never been like, 'Oh, I want to kiss that guy.' I really love women. But I think defining yourself as 100 per cent anything is kind of near-sighted and close-minded."

Twitter

@ElizabethHurley
Brrrrr....v wintery today. Seeing how many thermals I can fit under my costume.

@johncusack
I don' know how much u can do in six seconds on vine - just random chaos I guess !!

@TheRealRosanne
question: where is Miley's mom? If I was her, Miley would be locked up in rehab right now. WTF? Where's the mother?

The Word

Office star Robinson has narrow escape from paradise

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Comedian Craig Robinson learned an important lesson recently. Robinson was in the Bahamas to perform at the Atlantis resort. When he tried to board his return flight to the United States, authorities found he was carrying half a gram of marijuana and 18 ecstasy pills, and arrested him for drug possession, according to TMZ.

Robinson appeared before a magistrate in a shirt and shorts, where he got off relatively easy with a $1,000 fine and a promise to swiftly leave the country. Robinson reportedly told the judge that he'd brought the drugs with him from the United States and claimed he didn't know they were illegal in the Bahamas (as opposed to the U.S., where you can freely buy ecstasy at any WalMart?)

Anyway, it all worked out fine. The people of the United States got their Craig Robinson back. The U.S. will not have to go to war with the Bahamas to retrieve him. And the moral of this story is: don't bring ecstasy to the Bahamas, guys.

Miley Cyrus

Less sex after 40? Oh Miley you don't have a clue

Miley Cyrus has been catching criticism for an attempt at a joke during her Today Show appearance earlier this week — "I heard when you turn 40, things start to go a little less sexual," she told Matt Lauer. "I heard that's when people don't have sex anymore." Suzanne Somers in particular has come out swinging, over-sharing about her sex life to disprove Cyrus' assertion. When pressed on the issue by E! News, Cyrus admits she doesn't actually know what she's talking about when it comes to sex after 40. "I don't know, I'm not 40 yet," she says. "I'll let you know how my sex life goes when I'm 40."

George Clooney

Humble Clooney deflects credit back to his director

While director Alfonso Cuaron has been crediting Gravity star George Clooney for penning a key scene in the film that wasn't working during the script-writing process, Clooney himself insists he had nothing to do with it.

"I didn't write any scene. That scene was there from the minute I was handed the script," he told the Wrap recently .

"Alfonso's such a sweet guy. He hands out credit to everyone all the time."

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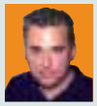

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Unless you're eating way outside the box, odds are you'll be having some turkey this Thanksgiving.

Even with the sides that join in on the celebration, the big bird and all its trimmings is a pretty accommodating wine partner. It loves a medium-bodied chardonnay or richer sauvignon blanc, or if you prefer red, a juicy Beaujolais from France or a lightly rustic Spanish Rioja.

When it comes to a liquid partner, today's feature recipe has two strikes against it: It's a dessert, and a blend of vegetable and spice that are both notorious wine killers.

Port, Portugal's fortified gift to the world, has the body and thickness of flavour to stand up to this mouthful of eclecticism, while offering a sweetness level that complements, rather than competes.

Taylor's First Estate Reserve Port ($16.45 to $22.99) is a lighter-bodied version with balanced tannins and a rolling, ripe-fruited core of plum and blackcurrant that will play well with this cheesecake's main components while adding a palate warming finish to your holiday feast. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe serves 12. ROSE REISMAN

Pumpkin Cheesecake steals turkey's shine

Thanksgiving. This dessert will make a beautiful centrepiece

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If you want a delicious yet lighter dessert for Thanksgiving or the upcoming holiday season, this is the perfect cheesecake to complete your meal.

This can be made a couple of days in advance or frozen for up to six weeks.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch springform pan with vegetable spray

2. Crust: Combine all ingredients until mixture comes together. Pat over bottom of baking dish.

3. In the bowl of a large food processor purée all ingredients for filling until smooth. Pour over top crust.

4. Topping: Place sour cream in a small plastic baggie. Snip off the end corner of the bag. Carefully draw approximately 8 straight lines through the top of the cheesecake. With a pointed knife or toothpick gently pull a line through the lines to make the pattern in the photo on this page.

5. Bake the Pumpkin Cheesecake for 40 minutes just until centre is still slightly loose. Chill before serving.

Ingredients

Crust
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp water
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Filling
- 1 lb light cream cheese cut into cubes
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin purée
- 1/2 cup low fat sour cream
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ginger powder
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Talking turkey — giblets and all

Feast. Some simple but essential tips for cooking the perfect bird

One of the most common mistakes people make when cooking a turkey for the first time is forgetting to remove the bag of giblets and neck that are tucked into the cavity of many birds when they're processed.

"I think that's one of the most common first-time turkey stories I've heard," says Emily Richards, a Guelph, Ont.-based professional home economist. "And it's something that some recipes might not include because (of the) assumption that if you've seen someone make a turkey, you know."

Richards rinses the giblets and neck and boils them in water while the big bird is cooking, then uses the liquid to make flavourful gravy.

"If you don't want to deal with the giblets, the utility turkeys tend to not have the giblet bags," she explains. "The tip of the wing might be snipped off or there might be a little puncture in the skin. There's absolutely nothing wrong with the turkey."

Another common error Richards points to is dry meat as a result of overcooking. The best remedy is to insert an instant-read thermometer in the thigh area where the dark meat is, being careful not to touch bone. If the bird starts to get dark on top before it's cooked, tent it with foil.

"I like cooking my turkey at 325 F (160 C) for the whole time, but there's other methods where you start at higher heat and then turn it down. In the end, I find I get a nice golden brown colour at that constant temperature," says Richards.

A fresh herb aficionado, Richards likes to rub the turkey skin with a bit of canola oil or butter or a combination and then rosemary and sage. Sometimes she'll brush the turkey with an orange glaze along with the herb rub.

"Putting a lemon or orange inside the cavity gives it a nice little citrus tone as well," she says.

You can also infuse it with a ginger flavour by placing slices of fresh ginger in the cavity if you're not stuffing the gobbler.

"Then there's people that enjoy the plain and simple as well — a little salt and pepper and oil or butter is always nice too."

Richards likes to experiment with side dishes and extend flavours from one dish to another. "If I'm using a little bit of rosemary in my turkey, I like to try to let it appear in one of the side dishes that I'm having. If I'm doing something like a squash, I'll sauté some garlic and rosemary and toss it with maple syrup, so to me that's a nice marriage because now the rosemary is prevalent in the turkey but it's also coming out a little bit in the squash.

"Sage is obviously a popular one at Thanksgiving too."

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Removing the giblets is a must. ISTOCK

Turkey by the facts

Here is some more information on the Thanksgiving staple.

- **Nutrition.** Roasted, skinless, boneless turkey is low in fat and sodium, a source of several essential nutrients and contains no carbohydrates, says the Ontario Turkey producers website.
- **Do it outside.** Outdoor grilling over indirect heat also frees up the oven for side dishes. Another way to reduce cooking time and achieve a crispy skin is spatchcocking, or remove the backbone so that the turkey can lie flat. Use good-quality kitchen shears or ask your butcher to do it.

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Easy Autumn Apple Tart

This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 14 tbsp (1 3/4 sticks) unsalted butter, room temp
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 apples, peeled, cored, sliced
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp water

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Coat 11-inch removable bottom tart pan with baking spray.

2. In food processor, combine butter, sugar and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Pulse several times. Add flour and pulse to combine, scraping down sides of work bowl. Transfer dough to prepared pan. Press evenly across bottom and up sides of the pan. Poke bottom all over with fork. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

3. While crust bakes, make filling. In a skillet over medium-high heat, combine apples, vinegar, brown sugar, cider, cinnamon and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, gently stirring to promote even cooking but without breaking apples, until just tender, about 12 mins.

4. In glass, mix cornstarch and water. Add to apples and cook, stirring gently, 2 minutes, or until thickened. When crust and apples are cooked, spoon apples into crust. Pour any extra juices over the surface of the apples. Serve warm or room temperature.

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Thanksgiving drink

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- 1 oz gin
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 3 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 1 oz cranberry juice
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- Garnish: turkey, cheese and cranberries on skewer, and rosemary sprig

Rim a highball glass with fresh cracked salt and pepper.

Fill the glass with ice. Add ingredients in order listed above.

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SPORTS 4

Jets unable to get off ground vs. Wild

NHL. Little scores lone goal for visitors, who were outshot 30-15

On Thursday

2	1
Wild	Jets

The Jets' Andrew Ladd and Mathew Dumba of the Wild battle for the puck on Thursday night in St Paul, Minn. The Wild won 2-1. HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

Matt Cooke's goal gave Minnesota the lead in the second period, and Josh Harding made 14 saves for the Wild in a 2-1 victory on Thursday night over the Winnipeg Jets, their newest rival in the re-created Central Division.

Jonas Brodin scored first for the Wild on Ondrej Pavelec, who stopped 28 shots. He has played all four games for the Jets and allowed 12 goals.

Bryan Little's goal in the final minute of the first period during a 5-on-3 power play tied the game for the Jets, who were outplayed from start to finish in their first road game of the season. It came against a Wild team eager for its first victory.

After scoring five goals in each of their first two games, the Jets have only three goals and 32 shots over their last two contests.

Though Chicago is closer to Minnesota by car, Winnipeg is the nearest as-the-crow-flies city to St. Paul. The Manitobans don't miss an opportunity to take advantage of the proximity and root in person for their Jets on the road.

Chants of "Let's go Jets!" were rampant up to and after the opening faceoff, particularly after Little knocked in a rebound of Tobias Enstrom's shot with 42.8 seconds left in the first period.

The Wild were hit with penalties on Brodin (holding) and Kyle Brodziak (hooking) within four seconds of each other to set up that Jets goal, but beyond that they put together the kind of complete performance that was missing in their first three games. They lost all three by one goal, two after regulation ended.

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Ad campaign

Nickname debate follows Redskins on the road

The Oneida Indian Nation said Thursday it will air a radio ad called "bipartisan" on the Dallas Cowboys' flagship station ahead of Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins.

The ad features President Barack Obama — a Democrat — saying he would think about changing the name, and Congressman Tom Cole — a Republican — saying the name is "offensive."

The ad is part of an anti-"Redskins" campaign slated to air in cities where the Redskins play on the road.

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IndyCar

Franchitti released from hospital

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti was released from hospital Thursday, four days after fracturing his spine and breaking his ankle in an IndyCar crash. He will be replaced by Alex Tagliani in the Oct. 19 season finale.

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MLB

"We're going to continue to keep that sail up on that boat and keep going."

Pittsburgh centre-fielder Andrew McCutchen after the Pirates were eliminated from the playoffs by the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday. It was the Pirates' first post-season appearance in 21 years.

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Bombers' Peach to patch pass rush

CFL. Winnipeg hopes to keep points off the board as team nears a franchise-low record

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have to fill a pretty big hole Monday in Montreal after the recent trade of CFL sack-leader Alex Hall to the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Hall's 15 sacks and the Winnipeg pass rush have been bright spots in an otherwise unimpressive season, which sees them flirting with a new yardstick for failure.

The 2-12 Blue Bombers have four games left to play and are in danger of setting a new franchise mark for the worst record in an 18-game season (currently 3-15). The 6-8 Alouettes, meanwhile, can officially eliminate Winnipeg from playoff contention with a win.

The Blue Bombers will use Greg Peach to fill the hole left by Hall's trade, but coach Tim Burke said they will also add recent acquisition J.D. Griggs to the end-rush rotation as a designated import.

"It's going to be hard to replace Alex, his ability and his production," Burke said Thursday after practice.

The Bombers returned to the field following a four-day break after Saturday's loss to the Calgary Stampeders.

"I think Greg will do a good job. He's more a try hard and carry your lunch pail to work kind of guy. He's going to go hard all the time and that's how he gets his sacks."

Now in his fifth season in the CFL, the six-foot-three, 255-pound Peach was a midseason acquisition after he was released by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He has been part of the rotation and has three sacks and six tackles this season.

"I approach it the same way I've approached it from day one that I got here, anything the coaches want me to do I'm doing it," he said Thursday. "I'm just excited for the opportunity." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Great expectations

"He's going to go hard all the time and that's how he gets his sacks."

Bombers coach Tim Burke on Greg Peach, who will replace Alex Hall.

New Blue Bomber Greg Peach drags down Montreal's Anthony Calvillo in July 2012. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Week 16 pick

Blue Bombers (2-12) at Alouettes (6-8), Monday, 12 p.m. (TSN)

The Alouettes can clinch a playoff spot with a victory in the first of two games on Thanksgiving Day.

Montreal has won two straight and enters the day two points back of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the East Division standings.

Josh Neiswander has been effective in place of injured starting quarterback Anthony Calvillo.

Although still mathematically in the playoff picture, a miserable season for the Blue Bombers can't end soon enough.

Winnipeg dealt its best player, defensive end Alex Hall, to Saskatchewan on Sunday with an eye to the future. Hall is expected to weigh his NFL options in the off-season.

The Blue Bombers have lost four straight, including the last two outings by a combined 63 points, but one of their two victories on the year came in Week 2 at Montreal.

Pick: Montreal.

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Riels undefeated heading into long weekend

The St. Boniface Riels continue to dominate the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings with a perfect 7-0 record heading into the weekend.

St. Boniface's Michael Gorrie sits atop the league in scoring with nine goals and five assists in seven games played. Connor Bell, who has played the most between the pipes for the Riels, has a solid 1.67 goals against average.

On Friday night the Charleswood Hawks host the St. James Canucks, the Transcona Railer Express visit the Seven Oaks Raiders, and the River East Royal Knights play at home against the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins.

SCOTT STROH/FOR METRO

NBA

Heat win in Wade's return

Chris Bosh scored 28 points and Dwyane Wade had eight in his pre-season debut as the Miami Heat beat the Detroit Pistons 112-107 on Thursday night.

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NBA

PG Stuckey breaks thumb in car door

The Detroit Pistons guard Rodney Stuckey broke a bone in his right thumb after catching it in a car door. The Pistons said Thursday that Stuckey will have surgery Friday and that a timeline for his return will be determined after the procedure.

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Cruz representing the rainbow in title fight

Orlando Cruz GETTY IMAGES

Orlando Cruz won the fight of his life when he came out last year as the first openly gay fighter in boxing.

Now he's in a fight of another kind, a championship battle Saturday night that is the biggest bout of his professional career.

"It's my dream and it's my time," Cruz said. "I've been waiting a long time to fight for the championship and I plan to make history."

Cruz takes on fellow veteran Orlando Salido in a fight for a piece of the featherweight title on the undercard of Timothy Bradley's fight with Juan Manuel Marquez. He'll do it wearing rainbow colours on his boxing trunks, his way of showing support for others in the gay and lesbian community.

"This is for all of them," Cruz said. "But this is for me, too. It's a beautiful opportunity for me, and it's my moment."

The trunks have caused some controversy in his native Puerto Rico because the design is a Puerto Rican flag with the rainbow colours in place of the usual colours. But Cruz said his intention was always to honour his country while also making a statement for gay rights.

"Some people are mad at me, but I don't care," he said. "I respect the Puerto Rican flag. There were no bad intentions in the design of the trunks."

The fight is the first title bout for the 32-year-old Cruz, who has struggled at times as a pro. He lost two straight fights in 2009-10 as he struggled to keep his sexuality private, but says he's been a better and more focused fighter since coming out publicly a year ago.

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In the other corner

"I admire him for coming out. It's courageous."

Boxer Orlando Salido, who will fight Cruz on Saturday night

Keeping Jordan's memory alive

In his honour. Parents remember Titan prospect as a kid with a big smile and a kind heart to match

RUTH DAVENPORT
Metro in Halifax

The Bathurst Titan's team photo of Jordan Boyd shows a resolute young man focusing a steely, deadpan gaze on the camera — but there's a crack in the tough-guy attitude: One corner of his mouth is quirking upwards, evidence of his normal beaming smile fighting to break through.

"I'm sure they told him to look tough, but he always had a smile on his face and that's what everybody remembers about him," said Boyd's father Stephen on Thursday.

It's been nearly two months since the 16-year-old Nova Scotian collapsed and died during an on-ice training camp session with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Bathurst Titan.

His mother, Debbie, says it's been two months of "living hell," grieving for her six-foot-one "baby boy" who she watched over at umpteen games and practices over the years. "He was my full-time job," said Debbie, often fighting to speak through tears. "Even when he was away at school last year … he lost his phone a couple of times because he was texting me from class, happy about a good mark or something."

The Bedford Minor Hockey Association has renamed the annual Oktoberfest hockey tournament in Boyd's honour, and his parents will be on hand for the opening ceremony Friday evening at the BMO Centre in Bedford, N.S.

Stephen said he wants people know who Boyd was — a good student considering a career in sports medicine, a devoted friend and boyfriend who loved mugging for the camera, a wakeboarding enthusiast and health nut who held his nose to chug coconut water but couldn't say no to a juicy steak.

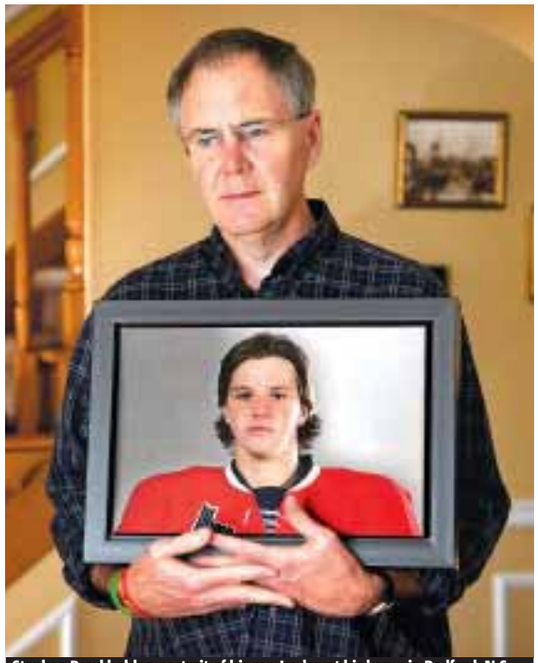
Most telling about Boyd's character are the letters that poured in after his death from complete strangers telling about his kindness. One woman told them he was the only kid who had stuck up for her daughter when classmates started bullying her. A Bathurst mom sent photos of Boyd with her young son during Community Day with the Titan in June, the little boy ecstatic over scoring a ball hockey goal after Boyd made a point of giving him the ball.

"I don't watch hockey, but I thought I'm going to watch that young man," wrote the grateful mother.

'Worth the pain'

The Boyds say it's knowing their son touched so many people that gives them strength to attend public events in his honour.

- "I never want my son forgotten," said Debbie Boyd. "If it helps keep his memory alive, then it's worth the pain."



Stephen Boyd holds a portrait of his son Jordan at his home in Bedford, N.S., on Thursday. Jordan died suddenly at a hockey training camp in August.
JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Awaiting autopsy report

Cause of death still unknown

The Boyds say they're still waiting for the autopsy report to tell them what caused the death of their strapping and apparently fit young son.

They say Jordan trained all summer, doing hill sprints in the muggy weather, without any symptoms of any problems.

"As far as we knew, he was never healthier," said Stephen Boyd. "He went through a pretty rigorous workout program with a trainer this summer."

Typically, sudden deaths in young athletes are caused by hidden heart defects or abnormalities that don't show up on routine examinations — but can sometimes be detected through screening tests.

Debbie Boyd said her son was so health-conscious he ate almond butter instead of peanut butter, wouldn't drink Gatorade because of the sugar content, and even swore off hamburgers. METRO

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Women's hockey.
Bitter rivals begin series of exhibition games Saturday

The game might be tactically conservative, but the players won't hold anything else back when the Canadian women's hockey team meets the United States on Saturday.

The Canadian and American women square off in Burlington, Vt., in the first of up to eight meetings before the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, in February. A second exhibition game is scheduled for Oct. 17 in Boisbriand, Que.

Canada and the U.S. have met in the final of all 15 women's world championships, with the Canadians holding a 10-5 record, but the U.S. winning four of the last five world titles. Canada is the three-time defending Olympic champion.

Meghan Duggan of the U.S. and Tessa Bonhomme of Canada jockey for position during the women's world championship gold-medal game on April 9. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Both teams are training full-time — Canada in Calgary and the U.S. in Bedford, Mass. — so Saturday's game at the University of Vermont is the first chance for each country to see what the other has been up to.

"I don't think either team will expose every part of their game and won't be at 100 per cent in every part of their game, but every time you get to play them it's a great opportunity to learn about your own team and what you need to do to get better," Canadian head coach Dan Church said. "I think any times these two teams get to play each other, I think emotion takes over and the passion for your national pride comes to the forefront and it becomes a battle. There's a good amount of animosity between the players and ultra-competitiveness."

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Why are you so angry? Whatever the reason, you need to get over it because if you don't it will spoil your weekend. You just tell yourself that who or what upset you isn't worth the trouble.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may find it difficult to get your own way today but maybe that's not a bad thing. Sometimes it pays to let other people take decisions for you and the planets suggest this could be one such occasion.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Identify your priorities and focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. You may have plenty of physical and mental energy at your disposal, thanks to the Sun in Libra, but it will go fast if you waste it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Listen to your instincts and do what they tell you, even if it puts you at odds with people you work with. Best of all, do something a bit outrageous — it will get you talked about.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone you are fond of will act in a manner that annoys you. Do you speak up about it? Only you can decide but remember, real friends are those who tell the unvarnished truth.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you come on too strong with someone today, your efforts could be self-defeating. Some respond to threats, others to flattery. Get them mixed up and you may get no response.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What seemed so important earlier in the week does not seem so important now and probably won't mean a thing to you over the weekend. That's good. What else is there in your life you can safely ignore?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Health, wealth and happiness can and will be yours between now and the start of next week. The right opportunities will arrive at the right time. All you have to do is take advantage.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may want to shut yourself away and avoid the world at large but if you do, you may miss out on a fun social event. It will be even more fun if you are there, so stop moping.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Opportunities for happiness and success are around you but you will miss them unless you raise your eyes for a moment from whatever mundane task it is you are lost in.

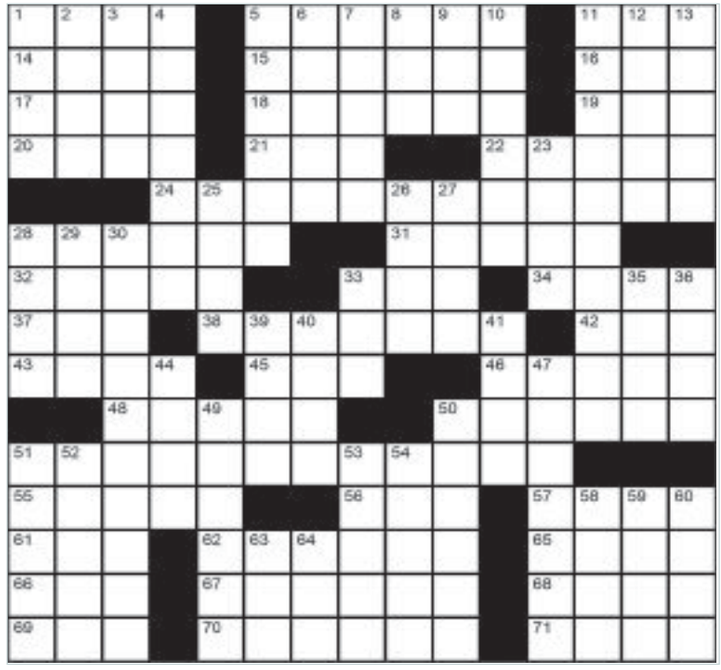
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There will be major upheavals in your working life over the next few days but if you stay calm, you will come through unscathed. Not only that but you may find yourself moving swiftly up the ladder of success.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There are so opportunities coming your way and if you take advantage of even a few of them, you'll have a major breakthrough. Don't look back and wish you had been more adventurous. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

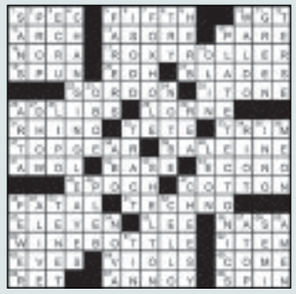
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Pare
5. "Moves Like __" by Maroon 5
11. "Johnny B. Goode" singer ...his initials-sharers
14. Vagabond
15. Where to serve stir-fry veggies: 2 wds.
16. 'Motor' suffix
17. Colossal
18. Away-from-work break
19. Yea ...not
20. Raised flatland
21. Alien sitcom
22. "___ big deal really."
24. 'Furiosity' is the new album by this hard rocking Hamilton band: 2 wds.
28. __-cutting ceremony
31. Ingredient in pesto
32. The Koh-_-__ Diamond
33. Mr. Stiller
34. Yacks
37. Fido's foot
38. Vegan's meal choice for #51-Across, perhaps
42. Afternoon social
43. Director Mr. Lee's
45. Vienna's country, for short
46. Without _ __ (Quietly)
48. "You __" by Alanis Morissette
50. Pie parts
51. Fall feast
55. Prefix meaning 'Straight'
56. Funny magazine
57. Clean
61. Singer Ms. DiFranco
62. Fall, as a government
65. Voice variety
66. __-med student
67. Author: French
68. Foul food
69. "My dear fellow."
70. Gets less fresh, as bread
71. Hoopla

Down
1. Group for Van Morrison
2. Knot-maker's need
3. Nile wader
4. El __ Tavern (Famous Toronto music venue)
5. Classical music composer, __ Sebastian Bach
6. Indigo dyes
7. Surgical transplant
8. "Move along!"
9. Old French coin
10. Takes to one's seat again
11. Types of foreign government buildings in Ottawa
12. Mel of funny cartoon voices
13. Give the green-light: 2 wds.
23. Li'l math course
25. __ cloud, as per Astronomy
26. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
27. Grade
28. Daytime TV's Kelly
29. __ uproar: 2 wds.
30. Frigidly formidable formation in Banff National Park: 2 wds.
33. The Hollies hit: "__ Stop"
35. Red veggie
36. Drains
39. Voyageur's blades
40. Juno-winning composer, Vivian __
41. Scarf stuff
44. Put in the post
47. Village in Nova Scotia
49. Some large dogs
50. Apple drinks
51. Snares
52. Mr. 'Pocket Rocket' Richard, Hockey Hall of Famer
53. Urge forward
54. Appraise
58. Calista's defining TV role
59. Cease
60. Wish for
63. Trendy no more
64. Harper Valley, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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		4				1		
6	4		1		8		7	2
				4				
1	8		9		7		3	4
		1				3		
5								9
	3		4	5	1		6	

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	2	1	4	5	8	7	3
1	5	3	8	2	7	4	6	9
4	8	7	6	3	9	5	2	1
2	7	9	5	8	6	3	1	4
6	3	8	4	7	1	2	9	5
5	4	1	3	9	2	6	8	7
7	9	5	2	6	3	1	4	8
8	1	6	9	5	4	7	3	2
3	2	4	7	1	8	9	5	6

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